



City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 23rd, 2025, called to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Hall [519 Washington Grand Haven, MI 49417]

The Highlights:

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Human Relations Commission was called to order by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

Commission Members present: Amanda Pretzer, Steve TerMolen, Steffi Thayer, Amber Mendiola-Suarez, Luke Kulikamp, Cara Mazure

Commission Members absent: John Siemion

Community Members present: Bob Monetza, Mayor of Grand Haven

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. TerMolen motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Pretzer seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the September meeting Minutes, Comm. Pretzer motioned to approve said meeting minutes with Comm. Mazure seconding the motion.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
 - a. No comments
4. Liaison Report:
 - a. Momentum Center Town Hall on Mental Health and Conflict.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Welcome Packet for new members
 - i. Value statement, mission statement, diversity statement, duties and functions per Ordinance 20, opportunities the commission has provided in the past, meeting information, sample alleged discrimination form. Suggestion to add Robert's Rules cheat sheet.
 - b. Collaboration with Loutit Library (Guest Speaker)
 - i. 2026 goal for timing
 - ii. Board members to bring ideas for people / topics at the November meeting
 - iii. Topics should be generalized (not political)
 - c. Ideas for MLK Day / a service project for the City
 - i. Kids food basket
 - ii. Operation Shoebox / Adopt a Troop (community involvement? Small business donations?)

1. Motion to approve by Comm. Pretzer, seconded by Comm. Kulikamp
 2. Comm. Kulikamp to reach out to Chamber of Commerce to reach out to local businesses for donations
 3. Comm. TerMolen to reach out to service members for ideas of desired items for care boxes, and make signage for donation boxes
 4. Comm. Mazure to share information via social media
- iii. Comm. Siemion shared outline for year-long project for 2026
 1. Wallace K. Ewing, author, spoke at library regarding his book *Slaves, Soldiers, Citizens* in 2021, Comm. Mendiola-Suarez suggested having him back for a talk at the library
- d. Kenzie B's Celebrity Barista
 - i. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez will be celebrity barista in November
- e. Card Making
 - i. Oddsides or Library – Comm. Mendiola-Suarez to reach out to Oddsides
6. New Business:
 - a. HRC tablecloth/brochures
 - i. Branded tablecloth provided by the City
 - ii. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez spoke with VerDuin regarding printing brochures
 - b. November and December Meeting Dates
 - i. Dates changed due to holidays
 - c. New Ideas
 - i. Letter to planning commission by Comm. TerMolen under final revisions, to be discussed at next meeting
 - ii. Holland HRC has Social Justice Award, could Grand Haven do something similar? (Community Visionary Award was awarded in the past)
 1. Goal for December 2026
 - d. Code of conduct for commissioners
 - i. Commissioners to bring ideas to November meeting what should be included in code of conduct
 1. Can be added to Welcome Packet
7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
 - a. No comments
8. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez adjourned meeting at 6:01pm.
9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amanda Pretzer **10-24-25**